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## ***Mayor Healy Announces Cost of Living Increase Freeze for City Department Directors and Eight Statutory Employees***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** announced today he is recommending an ordinance at Monday's Council Caucus meeting that calls for the freezing of the annual consumer price indexing (CPI) increase for all department directors and eight statutory employees.

The annual percent raise, which is up to 3.5 percent, is automatically issued on the first payroll of the calendar year to certain employees whose salaries are set by ordinance. In addition to the city's eight department directors, the City Clerk and two Deputy City Clerks, the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Tax Assessor and two Deputy Tax Assessors, would all be required to forgo the annual increase.

Last year, the Mayor froze his salary and is recommending this measure to the Council in light of the current economy.

"We are asking that everyone do their part during these difficult economic times," said **Mayor Healy**. "At a time when people are losing their jobs and their homes, it is only right that we forgo any increases as we work to continue to keep taxes stable."

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